

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

1. (Currently Amended)

Arrangement ~~{1}~~ for a locking mechanism ~~{2}~~ for a binder ~~{3}~~, which comprises a locking rail ~~{5}~~ that is detachably interconnectable with a number of hooks ~~{4}~~, which rail is capable of displacement by means of a manually actuated, spring-operated locking button ~~{6}~~, characterized in that the locking button ~~{6}~~ is executed in such a way that it performs both a spring function and a guiding function for the axially ~~{7-8}~~ mobile locking rail ~~{5}~~ and is detachably attachable to the locking rail ~~{5}~~ at its one end ~~{5A}~~.

2. (Currently Amended)

Arrangement in accordance with Patent Claim 1, characterized in that wherein the locking button ~~{6}~~ exhibits a spring ~~{10}~~ and a push-button ~~{11}~~ at mutually opposite ends ~~{6A, 6B}~~.

3. (Currently Amended)

Arrangement in accordance with Patent Claim 2, characterized in that wherein the locking button ~~{6}~~ is formed by a single common part.

4. (Currently Amended)

Arrangement in accordance with Patent Claim 3, characterized in that wherein the locking button ~~{6}~~ consists of a plastic material.

5. (Currently Amended)

Arrangement in accordance with Claim 2 ~~one or other of Patent Claims 2-4~~, characterized in that wherein the ~~aforementioned~~ spring ~~{10}~~ is in the form of a bow-shaped hook ~~{12}~~ with a curved end ~~{13}~~.

6. (Currently Amended)

Arrangement in accordance with Patent Claim 5, characterized in that wherein the spring ~~{10}~~ starts from a thickened part ~~{14}~~, which forms a pivoting articulation for the locking button ~~{6}~~ in the locking rail ~~{5}~~.

7. (Currently Amended)

Arrangement in accordance with Patent Claim 6, characterized in that wherein the pivoting articulation {14} extends perpendicularly outwards from a laterally situated end wall {16} in the locking button {6}.

8. (Currently Amended)

Arrangement in accordance with Patent Claim 7, characterized in that wherein a bow-shaped accommodating part (17) extends along the pivoting articulation (14) for the accommodation of a hook-shaped end part (18) by the locking rail (5).

9. (Currently Amended)

Arrangement in accordance with Claim 2 ~~one or other of Patent Claims 2-3~~, characterized in that wherein the back {9} of the binder exhibits a cavity {19} to accommodate the locking rail {5} and the locking button {6} with its spring {10} therein, whereby the finger-operated push-button {11} of the locking button is capable of being accommodated by its pivoting articulation part {14} in an axially open part {20} of the said cavity {19}, and the spring {10} makes contact with its end part {13} against a pointed part {21} in the back {9} of the binder.

10. (Currently Amended)

Arrangement in accordance with Claim 6 ~~one or other of Patent Claims 6-9~~, characterized in that wherein the locking button {6} exhibits a pointed part {22}, which is so arranged as to interact with an angled part {23} of the cavity 20 in the back of the binder to enable a support to be formed for the locking button {6} that is capable of pivotal actuation.

11. (New)

Arrangement in accordance with Claim 3, wherein the spring is in the form of a bow-shaped hook with a curved end.

12. (New)

Arrangement in accordance with Claim 4, wherein the spring is in the form of a bow-shaped hook with a curved end.

13. (New)

Arrangement in accordance with Claim 11, wherein the spring starts from a thickened part, which forms a pivoting articulation for the locking button in the locking rail.

14. (New)

Arrangement in accordance with Claim 12, wherein the spring starts from a thickened part, which forms a pivoting articulation for the locking button in the locking rail.

15. (New)

Arrangement in accordance with Claim 13, wherein the pivoting articulation extends perpendicularly outwards from a laterally situated end wall in the locking button.

16. (New)

Arrangement in accordance with Claim 14, wherein the pivoting articulation extends perpendicularly outwards from a laterally situated end wall in the locking button.

17. (New)

Arrangement in accordance with Claim 15, wherein a bow-shaped accommodating part extends along the pivoting articulation for the accommodation of a hook-shaped end part by the locking rail.

18. (New)

Arrangement in accordance with Claim 16, wherein a bow-shaped accommodating part extends along the pivoting articulation for the accommodation of a hook shaped end part by the locking rail.

19. (New)

Arrangement in accordance with Claim 15, wherein the back of the binder exhibits a cavity to accommodate the locking rail and the locking button with its spring therein, whereby the finger-operated push-button of the locking button is capable of being accommodated by its pivoting articulation part in an axially open part of the cavity, and the spring makes contact with its end part against a pointed part in the back of the binder the locking button exhibits a pointed part, which is so arranged as to interact with

an angled part of the cavity in the back of the binder to enable a support to be formed for the locking button that is capable of pivotal actuation.

20. (New)

Arrangement in accordance with Claim 16, wherein the back of the binder exhibits a cavity to accommodate the locking rail and the locking button with its spring therein, whereby the finger-operated push-button of the locking button is capable of being accommodated by its pivoting articulation part in an axially open part of the cavity, and the spring makes contact with its end part against a pointed part in the back of the binder the locking button exhibits a pointed part, which is so arranged as to interact with an angled part of the cavity in the back of the binder to enable a support to be formed for the locking button that is capable of pivotal actuation.